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SUBJ MINISTER OF DEFENSE HINTS AT WITHDRAWAL FROM ANGOLA :

THREE MORE KILLED

1. OVER THE WEEKEND THERE WERE THREE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN ON THE ANGOLAN SITUATION WHICH ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

2. SENIOR NEW ANALYST OF THE SUNDAY TIMES STANLEY UYS, WHO IS WELL CONNECTED IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES, REPORTED ON DEC. 28

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THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS THOUGHT TO BE READY TO TERMINATE ITS INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA. HE STATED THAT CONTINUED INVOLVE-

MENT IS PLACING THE SAG IN AN UNTENABLE POSITION AS IT
MAKES IT EASIER FOR MPLA TO RALLY SUPPORT AMONG OAU GOVERN-
MENTS WHILE ALIENATING FNLA-UNITA FROM THESE GOVERNMENTS.
HE SPECULATES THAT SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL WILL BE PART OF PEACE
INITIATIVE TO BE LAUNCHED AT THE OAU SUMMIT ON JAN 10
ALSO INVOLVING WITHDRAWAL OF CUBAN AND SOVIET PERSONNEL.
UYS REFERS TO A MEETING OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL SECURITY
COUNCIL LAST WEEK AND THE PROBABILITY OF ANOTHER SESSION THIS WEEK.

2. THE RAND DAILY MAIL ON DEC. 28 CONDUCTED A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW
WITH
MIN OF DEFENSE P.W. BOTHA THE SENSE OF WHAT HE HAD TO SAY AS INDI-
CATING THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY RECONSIDER ITS
INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA IF ITS INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA WERE
GUARANTEED AND IF TERRORIST ATTACKS ACROSS THE SWA BORDER WERE
STOPPED. THE DIRECT QUOTES FROM BOTHA ARE "SOUTH AFRICA
HAS NO CLAIM AGAINST ANGOLA OTHER THAN THAT THE WORK AT
CALUEQUE AND RUACANA MUST PROCEED, AND THAT THE WATER SUPPLY
AT OWAMBO MUST BE GUARANTEED." SOUTH AFRICA WANTS "AN
ORDERLY AND FREE ANGOLA LOOKING AFTER ITS OWN PROBLEMS
AND ARRANGING ITS OWN AFFAIRS." THE REPUBLIC IS "VERY
PERTURBED AT THE THREAT AGAINST OUR INTERESTS AND THOSE FOR WHICH
WE ARE RESPONSIBLE -- THE SECURITY OF THE OVAMBO AND KAVANGO
PEOPLE." "IF TERRORIST ATTACKS ACROSS THE BORDER WERE STOPPED, THEN
THE WHOLE PICTURE WOULD CHANGE."

3. ON THE NIGHT OF DEC. 28 THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF
MAJ-GEN JOHN DUTTON ANNOUNCED THAT THREE MORE SOUTH AFRICAN SERVICE-
MEN HAD BEEN KILLED IN THE "OPERATIONAL AREA". NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN
AND
ONLY ONE SOLDIER WAS IDENTIFIED BY NAME, ALTHOUGH NAMES OF THE OTHER
TWO ARE TO BE RELEASED SHORTLY.
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